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UNIVERSITY OF LOWELL ANNOUNCES MAJOR COMMENCEMENT HONORS

LOWELL, MASS. - In its fourth commencement exercises the University of Lowell will confer degrees upon nearly 1700 students, Saturday, May 26, at 11:00 AM ceremonies at Cawley Memorial Stadium in Lowell.

Everett V. Olsen, former President of Lowell Technological Institute and currently Executive Vice President of the University of Lowell, will address the graduates. Honorary degrees will be presented to newly appointed District Court Judge David S. Nelson of Massachusetts, Dr. Maurice L. Albertson, the internationally known civil engineer credited with developing the concept of the Peace Corps, and Dr. Patrick Mogan, Superintendent of Lowell Schools and central figure in the Lowell National Historical Park.

Everett Olsen, Executive Vice President of the University of Lowell, has served in a variety of chief administrative positions at the school since 1948. Named Assistant to the President of Lowell Textile Institute in 1948, he held that position through 1969 with the expanding Lowell Technological Institute. Appointed Executive Vice President of L.T.I. in 1969, he was named Acting President in 1971, President in 1972, and for the first months of the Lowell State College and L.T.I. merger was Acting President of the new University.

Judge David S. Nelson, a former Justice of the Superior Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, was appointed to the Federal bench in March. He is a graduate of Boston College Law School and the National Judicial College in Nevada. Judge Nelson is currently on the faculties of Harvard Law School and Boston University School of Law, and was formerly a professor at Boston University School of Public Communications. Among his many civic and community involvements, he has served as Chairman of both the Health Planning Council of Greater Boston and the Roxbury Multi-Service Center, and was a member of the

Board of Directors of Boston College. He has received honorary doctorates from Northeastern University and New England Law School, and in 1976 was presented the Bicentennial Citizenship Award from Emmanuel College.

Dr. Patrick Mogan, widely regarded as the chief inspiration for the Lowell National Historical Park, has gained a national reputation as an urban planner and pioneer in the field of urban education and culture. A graduate of Boston College, Boston University, and the University of Massachusetts, he has spent his lifetime in education. He was a Master in the Lowell Public Schools for 13 years, later serving as Assistant Superintendent of Lowell Schools from 1965-1968, and named Superintendent in 1977. He has been a consultant to the Harlem High School Corporation, the Ford Foundation Educational Facilities Laboratory, and the Inner City Schools of Cleveland. Dr. Mogan was a member of the Lowell Historic Canal District Commission, Executive Director of Human Services Corporation in Lowell, and headed the Model Cities Program in the city for five years. He is currently a member of the Lowell Historic Preservation Commission.

Dr. Maurice L. Albertson has had a major impact upon the United States and the developing nations of the world. In 1958 he conceived the idea of the Peace Corps, a group of volunteers who would give American technology, and their own service, to help improve the underdeveloped areas of the globe. A civil engineering professor at Colorado State University, Dr. Albertson is a graduate of Iowa State College, the State University of Iowa, and the University of Grenoble in France. He has had 30 years experience in fluid mechanics, hydraulic engineering, water resources research, and international development engineering. He is co-author of a textbook, Fluid Mechanics for Engineers. In his many years of service he has been special consultant to UNESCO and the Government of Thailand, and led a delegation of Water Resources Specialists to the People's Republic of China in 1974. In 1970 he was voted Centennial Professor of Engineering at Colorado State University.

The University Alumni Association will award its highest honor, the Distinguished Alumni Award, to Miss Stella M. Mazur of Lowell, active in the Red Cross for five decades. She began as a volunteer, then served as a field representative for the National Red Cross, organizing chapters throughout the northeast. She has been executive director of the Waltham Red Cross chapter since 1944.